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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : [redacted]
DDA Records Management Officer

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SUBJECT: Meeting Regarding Disposition of CIA Material Relating to the
HSCA Investigation [redacted]

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Participants:

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Jackie Hess, HSCA

1. On 28 November nine representatives of the CIA attended a meeting with Jackie Hess of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the eventual disposition of:

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a. CIA documents held and/or reviewed by the HSCA and
b. materials prepared by the HSCA containing information involving CIA equities. [redacted]

2. Ms. Hess identified six basic types of CIA-related materials currently held by the HSCA:

a. Unclassified documents provided by the CIA.
b. Sanitized documents provided by the CIA. (These may or may not require classification protection.)
c. Classified documents provided by the CIA.
d. Depositions from CIA employees and transcripts of executive sessions with current or former employees.
e. Information volunteered by current or former CIA employees. (It was not clear whether this could also include current or former sources.)

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f. Working papers originated by the HSCA. (Ms. Hess emphasized that these include documents detailing CIA compliance with HSCA requests.) 2

3. Regarding disposition, all CIA representatives agreed that security ramifications would be the CIA's prime concern and the strain on the Agency's record system/resources second. It was stated that while the group could not officially speak for the CIA, it was:

a. certain the CIA would want all of its classified material returned and

b. probable the CIA would want to review the remainder if all or some portion is to be placed in the public domain. 2

4. Ms. Hess stated she had received similar responses from other agencies (FBI, State, etc.). Because of time constraints, she felt she would recommend that some types of material, especially volunteered information (for informants protection) and HSCA working papers, be turned over to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI). Such material could be maintained there until some agreement, between the HPSCI and the CIA, as to its classification status and disposition is reached. 2 X1

5. She further stated it would be her recommendation to the HSCA to mandate that no material reviewed during the course of the investigation be destroyed; that is, it be retained permanently for eventual deposit in the National Archives. Her reasoning for this was:

a. Additional evidence could develop which would place a different light on information currently thought worthless.

b. Other congressional committees may wish to investigate certain aspects of the HSCA's findings.

c. It was not always specific documents, but an aggregate, that led the HSCA to its conclusions.

d. Historians have a right to examine all material reviewed and not just that currently thought pertinent. 25

6. In response to inquiries, Ms. Hess stated she did not feel the HSCA would be concerned as to the manner in which the material was preserved (microfilm, flagging, copier duplication, etc.) or the retrieval system devised to locate it. (It should be noted that no mention was made of the HSCA's previous statement that certain materials would be

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designated "to be kept and preserved within a segregated and secure area within CIA for at least thirty years"--see Louis Stokes' letter (OLC 78-0209) dated 27 January 1978.) She further advised that any Agency material requested by HSCA but not as yet reviewed, would be reviewed, and to that end she requested a listing to be used to expedite the process.

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